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SUBJECT: EWG MEETING MAY 22, 1974: AD-70 SPRING REPORT

REF: A. AC/281-WP(74)3(REVISED) (POUCHED NOTAL)

B. AC/281-WP(74)4(POUCHED NOTAL)

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SUMMARY. DURING MAY 22 MEETING, EWG DISCUSSED DRAFT SPRING REPORT FOR AD-70(REF A). EWG ACCEPTED MAJORITY OF US-PROPOSED REVISIONS (REFS D,E, F). EWG WILL REVIEW FINAL DRAFT DURING WEEK OF MAY 27. END SUMMARY.

1. EWG, DURING MAY 22 MEETING, MADE NUMEROUS DEITORIAL AND SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO AD-70 SPRING REPORT. SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS/ REVISIONS FOLLOW:
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A. MC REP (GEN TOMMASINI) SAID THAT DRAFT REPORT GENERALLY GAVE TOO CHEERFUL AN ASSESSMENT OF THE NATO DEFENSE POSTURE. HE ELABORATED THAT

CONCLUSIONS SECTION(PARTICULARLY PARA 127) ERRONEOUSLY IMPLIED

THAT ALL NATIONS
WOULD IMPLEMENT FORCE GOALS ENTIRELY; HE
CONTINUED THAT EVEN IF THIS WERE THE CASE, SIGNIFICANT WEAKNESSES
WOULD STILL REMAIN. ACTING CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS ACKNOWLEDGED MC
REP'S COMMENT, BUT DID NOT BELIEVE THAT AD-70 REPORT SHOULD BE
CHANGED IN A MANNER WHICH CALLED INTO QUESTION THE VALIDITY OF
THE FORCE GOALS REVIEW.

B. EWG ACCEPTED US REQUEST TO DELETE PARA 26.

C. US REP (BOWMAN) SAID DRAFT PARAGRAPHS ON INFRASTRUCTURE
(PARAS 48-53) DID NOT OFFER PRECISE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
MINISTERS AND SUGGESTED THAT REVISED DRAFT SEEK DPC ENDORSEMENT
OF A 600 MILLION IAU BUDGET FOR SLICE GROUP XXVI TO XXX. US REP
CITED SIMILAR STATEMENT BY SHAPE REP DURING EARLIER MAY 9 EWG
MEETING. UK REP SAID INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RATHER THAN EWG
SHOULD RECOMMEND BUDGET LEVEL AND BELGIAN REP CONTINUED THAT A
SPECIFIC EWG RECOMMENDATION MAY HINDER ONGOING "DELICATE" INFRA-
STRUCTURE NEGOTIATIONS IN OTHER FORA. EGW ACCEPTED COMPROMISE
FOOTNOTE TO PARA 52 WHICH CITES TOTAL COST OF MILITARY REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING SUBMITTED BY MC IN SUPPORT OF
ACE (843 MILLION IAU AT 1972 PRICES) AND AMOUNT FOR THOSE IN
PRIORITY "A" STATUS (541 MILLION IAU).

D. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, EWG AGREED TO US REQUEST TO
REVISE FOURTH SENTENCE OF PARA 54 TO READ QUOTE EVERY EFFORT
SHOULD NOW BE MADE, WITH THE SUPPORT OF NATIONS, TO COMPRESS
THE TIMETABLE, AND IN PARTICULAR THE TARE PROJECT SHOULD BE
COMPLETED AS SCHEDULED DURING THE 1976-78 TIME FRAME UNQUOTE.
NICSMA REP DISPUTED REVISION, SAYING THAT NEW TIME TABLES
WOULD BE ISSUED PRIOR TO OCTOBER WHICH WILL SHOW DELAYS IN
TARE AS WELL AS OTHER PROJECTS AND THAT SCHEDULE COULD NOT BE
COMPRESSED.

3. EWG ACCEPTED US PROPOSAL TO REVISE PORTION OF SECOND
SENTENCE (PARA 94) TO READ QUOTE THE UNITED STATES PROPOSE TO
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PREFINANCE, TO THE EXTENT OF DOLLARS 62 MILLION, AIRFIELD
PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR 132 AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR DE-
PLOYMENT TO THE ACE AREA AND ALSO
THEIR SUPPORTING FACILITIES,
SUCH AS FUEL AND AMMUNITION UNQUOTE (REF E). AT MISSION REQUEST,
IS AGREED PRIOR TO EWG MEETING TO DELETE THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA
94(REF E).

F. AT REQUEST OF FRG REP, EWG DELETED FIRST SENTENCE OF
PARA 95.

G. AT REQUEST OF MISSION, IS REVISED LAST SENTENCE OF PARA
96 TO READ QUOTE A SHELTER PROGRAMME TO CURRENT NATO STANDARDS
WOULD INVOLVE ABOUT IAU 28 MILLION UNQUOTE (REF E).

H. AT REQUEST OF US REP, EWG AGREED TO ADD FOLLOWING TO SECTION ON AIRCRAFT SHELTERS: QUOTE IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN ASSESSED THAT 95 PERCENT OF THE SOVIET TACTICAL AIRCRAFT (FIGHTERS, FIGHTER BOMBERS, FIGHTER RECCE) IN THE NON-SOVIET WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES AND 90 PERCENT IN THE SOVIET WESTERN MILITARY DISTRICTS WILL HAVE HANGARETTE SHELTERS BY 1976 UNQUOTE.

I. EWG ACCEPTED MC REQUEST TO DELETE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 105. US REP SUPPORTED DELETION, ARGUING THAT ALL NATIONS SHOULD GIVE TOP PRIORITY TO FULFILLING ANTI-ARMOR FORCE GOALS.

J. SHAPE REP (GEN MILLER) STATED THAT PARA 109 SHOULD ADDRESS IMPROV E- MENTS IN ANTI-ARMOR CAPABILITY OF ARTILLERY, NOT JUST IMPROVED ARTILLERY EWAPONS. SHAPE WILL PROVIDE PROPOSED AMENDMENT PRIOR TO NEXT EWG MEETING. SHAPE REP ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE IMPROVED PARA 110 ON AIR DELIVERED ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS.

K. EWG ACCEPTED US PROPOSAL TO ADD FOLLOWING SENTENCE TO END OF PARA 116: QUOTE SHAPE EXPECTS TO COMPLETE NEW STANDARDS FOR ALL MUNITIONS BY DECEMBER 1974 UNQUOTE. SHAPE REP WILL VERIFY STATEMENT FOR ACCURACY.

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L. EWG ACCEPTED SHAPE PROPOSAL TO ADD THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE TO PARA 121: QUOTE PROVISIONS OF MOBILE AIR DEFENSE WEAPON SYSTEMS WITH AN ALL WEATHER CAPABILITY IS AN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT FOR SURVIVAL OF GROUND FORCES AGAINST THE WARSAW PACT AIR THREAT UNQUOTE.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SECTION OF REPORT, US REP WAS GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL IN URGING POINTS MADE IN REF F. IS WILL NOW PREPARE NEW DRAFT OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PARAGRAPHS (123-141) FOR RECONSIDERATION BY EWG AT A MEETING SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. MISSION WILL TRANSMIT TEXT OF DRAFT WHEN RECEIVED.

3. ALTHOUGH EWG DID NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF BASIC ISSUES SPRING REPORT(REF B), IT DID ACCEPT US RECOMMENDATION FOR SEPARATE FORWARDING TO DPC PERM REPS OF BASIC ISSUES REPORT. MISSION FORWARDED US-PROPOSED REVISIONS (REF D) DIRECTLY TO IS. IS HAS INFORMALLY AGREED TO INCORPORATE CHANGES IN REVISED DRAFT. MACULIFFE

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